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MEMORANDUM THRU DIRECTOR OF THE ARMY STAFF
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FOR COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SUPPORT
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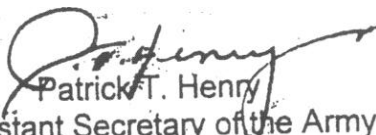
SUBJECT: Bingo **Activities** in Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)
Programs--ACTION MEMORANDUM

The management and operation of Army MWR programs must be above reproach. To **meet this** high standard, the Army must ensure that limits on patronage of MWR programs are appropriate. Accordingly, I am directing a change in the Army's policy on patron access to MWR **bingo activities**.

Effective January 4, 1999, general public access to bingo activities is prohibited. Access to bingo activities will be limited to members of the military community and their bona fide guests. For purposes of this policy, "military community" and "bona fide guest" shall be construed as defined in the Glossary of AR 215-1 (29 September 1995), except that "military community" excludes civilian members of the local community who are not bona fide guests.

In addition, contractor-operated bingo programs are prohibited. In no case may a contractor control or sell bingo cards or manage awards of bingo **prizes**. Notwithstanding this prohibition, nonappropriated fund activities may contract for bingo-related services (e.g., bingo "callers") on a fixed price basis.

This memorandum applies only to bingo **activities**; it does not affect the provisions of Department of Defense Instruction 1015.10 under which commanders may request authority to open other Category C MWR operations to the general public.


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